



## MATHS

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## HEIGHTS AND DISTANCES

### Problem Set 1 Mcq S

1. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower from a point 20 metres away from its base is  $45^\circ$ .

The height of the tower is

A. 10 m

B. 20 m

C. 40 m

D.  $20\sqrt{3}$

**Answer: B**



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2. At a point 15 metres away from the base of a 15 metres high house, the angle of elevation of the top is

A.  $45^\circ$

B.  $30^\circ$

C.  $60^\circ$

D.  $90^\circ$

**Answer: A**



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**3.** From the top of a light house 60 m high with its base at sea level the angle of depression of a boat

is  $15^\circ$ . The distance of the boat from the light house is

A.  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}\right)60m$

B.  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1}\right)60m$

C.  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}\right)^2 m$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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4. The angle of elevation of the sun when the length of the shadow of a pole is  $\sqrt{3}$  times the height of the pole is

A.  $30^\circ$

B.  $45^\circ$

C.  $60^\circ$

D.  $15^\circ$

**Answer: A**



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5. The angle of elevation of the top of an incomplete vertical pillar at a horizontal distance of 100 m from its base is  $45^\circ$ . If the angle of elevation of the top of the complete pillar at the same point is to be  $60^\circ$ , then the height of the incomplete pillar is to be increased by

A.  $50\sqrt{2}$ m

B. 100 m

C.  $100(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m

D.  $100(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m

**Answer: C**



6. The angle of elevation of the top of a T.V. tower from three points A,B,C in a straight line in the horizontal plane through the foot of the tower are  $\alpha$ ,  $2\alpha$ ,  $3\alpha$  respectively. If  $AB=a$ , the height of the tower is

A.  $a \tan \alpha$

B.  $a \sin \alpha$

C.  $a \sin 2\alpha$

D.  $a \sin 3\alpha$

**Answer: C**



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7. The angle of elevation of the top of a certain tower from a point A on the ground is  $\alpha$ , at B is  $2\alpha$ , at C is  $3\alpha$ . If  $AB = \frac{4}{3}BC$ , then which of the following is true.

A.  $\sin \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{5}{12}}$

B.  $\cos \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{5}{12}}$

C.  $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$



$$D. \cos \alpha = \frac{3}{8}$$

**Answer: A**



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**8.** The angles of depression of two points A and B on a horizontal plane such that  $AB = 200$  from the top P of a tower PQ of height 100 are  $45 - \theta$  and  $45 + \theta$ . If the line AB Passes through Q the foot of the tower, then angle  $\theta$  is equal to

A.  $45^\circ$

B.  $30^\circ$

C.  $22.5^\circ$

D.  $15^\circ$

**Answer: C**



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9. An aeroplane flying at a height of 300 m above the ground passes vertically above another plane at an instant when the angles of elevation of two planes from the same point on the ground are

$60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , respectively. What is the height of the lower plane from the ground?

A.  $100\sqrt{3}$

B.  $100 / \sqrt{3}$

C. 50

D.  $150(\sqrt{3} + 1)$

**Answer: A**



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10. ABCD is a square plot. The angle of elevation of the top of a pole standing at D from A or C is  $30^\circ$  and that from B is  $\theta$ , then  $\tan \theta$  is equal to

A.  $\sqrt{6}$

B.  $1/\sqrt{6}$

C.  $\sqrt{3}/2$

D.  $\sqrt{2}/3$

**Answer: C**



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11. A tree is broken by wind, its upper part touches the ground at a point 10 metres from the foot of the tree and makes an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the ground . The entire length of the tree is

A. 15 m

B. 20 m

C.  $10(1 + \sqrt{2})m$

D.  $10(1 + \sqrt{2}/2)m$

**Answer: C**



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12. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower standing on a horizontal plane from a point A is  $\alpha$ . After walking a distance  $d$  towards the foot of the tower, the angle of elevation is found to be  $\beta$ .

The height of the tower is

A.  $\frac{d \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\sin(\beta - \alpha)}$

B.  $\frac{d \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}$

C.  $\frac{d \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}$

D.  $\frac{d \sin(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}$

**Answer: A**



13. AB is a vertical pole with B at the ground level and A at the top. A man finds that the angle of elevation of the point A from a certain point C on the ground is  $60^\circ$ . He moves away from the pole along the line BC to a point D such that  $CD = 7m$ . From D the angle of elevation of the point A is  $45^\circ$ . Then the height of the pole is (1)

$$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-1} m \quad (2) \quad \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} \sqrt{3} + 1m \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} \sqrt{3} - 1m \quad (4) \quad \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+1} m$$

A.  $\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-1} m$

$$\text{B. } \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} (\sqrt{3} + 1)m$$

$$\text{C. } \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1)m$$

$$\text{D. } \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} m$$

**Answer: B**



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**14.** A man from the top of a 100 metres high tower observes a car moving towards the tower at an angle of depression of  $30^\circ$ . After some time, the angle of depression becomes  $60^\circ$ . The distance (in metres) travelled by the car during this time is



A.  $100\sqrt{3}$

B.  $\frac{200\sqrt{3}}{3}$

C.  $\frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3}$

D.  $200\sqrt{3}$

**Answer: B**



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**15.** At a point on a level plane subtends an angle  $\theta$  and flag staff of height  $a$  at the top of the tower subtends an angle  $\phi$ . Find the height of the tower.

A.  $\frac{a \sin \theta \cos \phi}{\cos(\theta + \phi)}$

B.  $\frac{a \sin \phi \cos(\theta + \phi)}{\sin \theta}$

C.  $\frac{a \cos(\theta + \phi)}{\sin \theta \sin \phi}$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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**16.** A vertical pole PS has two marks at Q and R such that the portions PQ, PR and PS subtend angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  at a point on the ground distant x

from the pole. If  $PQ=a$ ,  $PR=b$ ,  $PS=c$  and

$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$ , then  $x^2 =$

A.  $\frac{a}{a + b + c}$

B.  $\frac{b}{a + b + c}$

C.  $\frac{c}{a + b + c}$

D.  $\frac{abc}{a + b + c}$

**Answer: D**



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17. The shadow of a tower is found to be 60 ft. longer when the sun's altitude has become  $60^\circ$  from  $30^\circ$ . The height of the tower from the ground is

A. 350 ft. app.

B. 400 ft. app.

C. 51 ft. app.

D. None

**Answer: C**



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18. An observer standing on a 300 m high tower observes two boats in the same direction, their angle of depression are  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively. The distance between the boats is

A. 173.2 m

B. 346.4 m

C. 25 m

D. 72 m

**Answer: B**



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19. The angle of elevation of the top of two vertical towers as seen from the middle point of the line joining the foot of the towers are  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively. The ratio of the heights of the tower is

A. 2: 1

B.  $\sqrt{3}$ : 1

C. 3: 2

D. 3: 1

**Answer: D**



20. Two towers stand on a horizontal plane. P and Q where  $PQ = 30$  m, are two points on the line joining their feet. As seen from P the angle of elevation of the tops of the towers are 30 and 60 but as seen from Q are 60 and 45. The distance between the towers is equal to

A.  $15(4 + \sqrt{3})m$

B.  $15(4 - \sqrt{3})m$

C.  $15(3 + \sqrt{3})m$

D.  $15(2 + \sqrt{3})m$

**Answer: A**



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21. Two vertical poles of height  $a$  and  $b$  subtend the same angle  $45^\circ$  at a point on the line joining their feet, the square of the distance between their tops is

A.  $(h + H)^2$

B.  $2(h^2 + H^2)$

C.  $h^2 + H^2$



D.  $\frac{1}{2}(h^2 + H^2)$

**Answer: B**



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**22.** Two vertical AL and BM of heights 20 m and 80 m respectively and stand apart on a horizontal plane. If A, B be the feet of the poles and AM and BL intersect at P, then the height of P is equal to

A. 50 m

B. 18 m

C. 16 m

D. 15 m

**Answer: C**



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**23.** Angle of depression from the top of a light house of two boats are  $45^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  due east which are 60 m apart. The height of the light house is

A.  $60\sqrt{3}$

B.  $30(\sqrt{3} + 1)$

C.  $30(\sqrt{3} - 1)$

D. None

**Answer: C**



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**24.** PQ is a part of a given height a and AB is a tower at some distance,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the angles of elevation of B, the top of the tower at P and Q respectively. The height of the tower is

A.  $\frac{a \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}$

B.  $\frac{a \cos \alpha \cos \beta}{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}$

C.  $\frac{a \sin \alpha \cos \beta}{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}$

D. None

**Answer: C**



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**25.** A ladder rests against a vertical wall at angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal . If its foot is pulled away from the wall through a distance 'a' so that it slides a

distance 'b' down the wall making the angle  $\beta$

with the horizontal , then a =

A.  $a = b \tan \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$

B.  $a = b \cot \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$

C.  $a \frac{\tan(\alpha - \beta)}{2}$

D. None

**Answer: A**



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**26.** A man on a cliff observes a boat at an angle of depression  $30^\circ$  which is sailing towards the shore to the point immediately beneath him. Three minutes later the angle of depression of the boat is found to be  $60^\circ$ . Assuming that the boat sails at a uniform speed, determine how much more time it will take to reach the shore.

A. 2 min

B.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  min

C. 1 min

D. None

**Answer: B**



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27. A chimney of 20 m height standing on the top of a building subtends an angle whose tangent is  $\frac{1}{6}$  at a distance of 70 m from the foot of the building, then the height of building is

A. 50 m

B. 40 m

C. 60 m

D. None

**Answer: A**



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**28.** If a flag staff subtends the same angles at the points A,B,C and D on the horizontal plane through its foot, the points A,B,C and D form a

A. square

B. cyclic quadrilateral

C. rectangle



D. None

**Answer: B**



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**29.** PQ is a vertical tower having P as the foot. A,B,C are three points in the horizontal plane through P. The angles of elevation of Q from A,B,C are equal and each is equal to  $\theta$ . The sides of the triangle ABC are a,b,c, and area of the triangle ABC is . Then prove that the height of the tower is

$$(abc) \frac{\tan \theta}{4}.$$

A.  $(abc)\tan \theta / 4\Delta$

B.  $(abc)\cot \theta / 4\Delta$

C.  $(abc)\sin \theta / 4\Delta$

D. None

**Answer: A**



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**30.** A pole stands at the centre of a rectangular field and it subtends angles of  $15^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  at the mid-points of the sides of the field. If the

length of its diagonal is 1200 m, then the height of the flag staff is

A. 400 m

B. 200 m

C.  $300\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}m$

D.  $300(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})m$

**Answer: c**



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31. A pole stands vertically , inside a triangular park  $\triangle ABC$ . If the angle of elevation of the top of the pole from each corner of the park is same, then in  $\triangle ABC$  the foot of the pole is at the

- A. centroid
- B. circumcentre
- C. incentre
- D. orthocentre

**Answer: D**



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32. A and B are two points in the horizontal plane through O, the foot of a pillar OP of height h such that  $\angle AOB = \theta$ . If the elevation of the top of the pillar from A and B are also equal to  $\theta$ , then AB is equal to

A.  $h \cot \theta$

B.  $h \cos \theta \sec \frac{\theta}{2}$

C.  $h \cot \theta \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

D.  $h \cos \theta \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\theta}{2}$

**Answer: B**



**33.** A tower stands at the centre of a circular park .  
A and B are two points on the boundary of the park such that  $AB(=a)$  subtends an angle of  $60^\circ$  at the foot of the tower , and the angle of elevation of the top of the tower from A or B is  $30^\circ$  . The height of the tower is

A.  $\frac{2a}{\sqrt{3}}$

B.  $2a\sqrt{3}$

C.  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$

D.  $a\sqrt{3}$

**Answer: C**



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**34.** A flag-staff 20 m long standing on a wall 10 m high subtends an angle whose tangent is 0.5 at a point on the ground. If  $\theta$  is the angle subtended by the wall at this point, then

A.  $\tan \theta = 1$

B.  $\tan \theta = 1/3$

C.  $\tan \theta = 3$

$$D. \tan \theta = 1/2$$

**Answer: A::B**



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**35.** A tower subtends an angle of  $30^\circ$  at a point on the same level as the foot of the tower. At a second point  $h$  metre above the first, the depression of the foot of the tower is  $60^\circ$ . The horizontal distance of the tower from the point is

A.  $h \cot 60^\circ$



B.  $\frac{1}{3}h \cot 30^\circ$

C.  $\frac{h}{3} \cot 60^\circ$

D.  $h \cot 30^\circ$

**Answer: A:B**



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**36.** The angle of elevation of the top of the tower observed from each of three points A, B, C on the ground, forming a triangle is the same angle  $\alpha$ . If R is the circum-radius of the triangle ABC, then find the height of the tower  $R \tan \alpha$ .

A.  $R \sin \alpha$

B.  $R \cos \alpha$

C.  $R \cot \alpha$

D.  $R \tan \alpha$

**Answer: D**



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**37.** A flag staff of 5m high stands on a building of 25m high. At an observer at a height of 30 m. The flag staff and the building subtend equal angles .

The distance of the observer from the top of the flag staff is

A.  $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}$

B.  $5\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$

C.  $5\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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38. From the top of a cliff of height 'a' the angle of depression of the foot of a certain tower is found to be double the angle of elevation of the top of the tower of height h. if  $\theta$  be the angle of elevation then its value is

A.  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2h}{a}}$

B.  $\sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2h}{a}}$

C.  $\sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2-h}}$

D.  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3 - \frac{2h}{a}}$

**Answer: D**



39. If a flag-staff 6 metres high placed on the top of a tower throws a shadow of  $2\sqrt{3}$ m along the ground, then the angle (in degrees) that the sun makes with the ground is

A.  $60^\circ$

B.  $30^\circ$

C.  $45^\circ$

D. None

**Answer: A**



40. The top of a hill observed from the top and bottom of a building of height  $h$  is at angles of elevation  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . respectively. The height of the hill is

A.  $\frac{h \cot \beta}{\cot \beta - \cot \alpha}$

B.  $\frac{h \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$

C.  $\frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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41. The angles of elevation of a cliff at a point A on the ground and a point B, 100 m vertically above A are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. The height of the cliff is

A.  $\frac{100 \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$

B.  $\frac{100 \cot \beta}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$

C.  $\frac{100 \cot \beta}{\cot \beta - \cot \alpha}$

D.  $\frac{100 \cot \beta}{\cot \beta + \cot \alpha}$

Answer: C





42. The angle of elevation of a cloud from a point  $h$  m above the level of water in a lake is  $\alpha$  and the angle of depression of its reflection in the lake is  $\beta$ . Then the height of the cloud above the water level is

A.  $\frac{h \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin(\beta + \alpha)}$

B.  $\frac{h \sin(\beta + \alpha)}{\sin(\beta - \alpha)}$

C.  $\frac{h \sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}$

D. None



**Answer: B**



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**43.** On the level ground, the angle of elevation of a tower is  $30^\circ$ . On moving 20 m nearer, the angle of elevation is  $60^\circ$ . The height of the tower is

A. 10 m

B. 20 m

C.  $10\sqrt{3}m$

D. None

**Answer: C**



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**44.** A person standing on the bank of a river observes that the angle subtended by a tree on the opposite of bank is  $60^\circ$  . when he returns 40 m from the bank, he finds the angle to be  $30^\circ$  .  
What is the breadth of the river?

A. 40 m

B. 60 m

C. 20 m

D. 30 m

**Answer: C**



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**45.** A tower subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at a point in the plane of its base and the angle of depression of the foot of the tower at a point  $b$  ft. just above A is  $\beta$ . Then , height of the tower is

A.  $b \tan \alpha \cot \beta$

B.  $b \cot \alpha \tan \beta$

C.  $b \tan \alpha \tan \beta$

D.  $b \cot \alpha \cot \beta$

**Answer: A**



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**46.** From an aeroplane vertically over a straight horizontal road, the angles of depression of two consecutive milestones on opposite sides of the aeroplane are observed to be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The height of the aeroplane above the road is

A.  $\frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha \tan \beta}$

B.  $\frac{\tan \alpha \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}$

C.  $\frac{\cot \alpha \cot \beta}{\cot \alpha + \cot \beta}$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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**47.** Each side of an equilateral triangle subtends an angle of  $60^\circ$  at the top of a tower  $h$  m high located at the centre of the triangle. It is the

length of each side of the triangle, then prove that  $2a^2 = 3h^2$ .

A.  $3a^2 = h^2$

B.  $a^2 = 3h^2$

C.  $2a^2 = 3h^2$

D.  $3a^2 = 2h^2$

**Answer: C**



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48. ABC is a triangular park in the form of an equilateral triangle. A pillar at A subtends an angle of  $45^\circ$ . If  $\theta$  be the angle of elevation of the pillar at D, the middle point of BC, then  $\tan \theta$  is equal to

A.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

B.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

C.  $\sqrt{3}$

D.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

**Answer: B**



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**49.** Each side of a square subtends an angle of  $60^\circ$  at the tip of a tower of height  $h$  metres standing at the centre of the square. If  $l$  is the length of each side of the square, then what is  $h^2$  equal to ?

A.  $3a^2 = 2h^2$

B.  $2a^2 = 3h^2$

C.  $2h^2 = a^2$

D.  $h^2 = 2a^2$



Answer: C



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50. AB is a vertical pole. The end A is on the level ground. C is the middle point of AB. P is a point on the level ground. The portion BC subtends an angle  $\beta$  at P. If  $AP = nAB$ , then  $\tan \beta =$

A.  $\frac{n}{n^2 - 1}$

B.  $\frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$

C.  $\frac{n}{2n^2 + 1}$

D. None

**Answer: C**



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## Problem Set 1 True And False

1. The angle of elevation of a stationary cloud from a point 2500m m above a lake is  $15^\circ$  and the angle of depression of its image in the lake is  $45^\circ$ . The height the cloud above the lake level is



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2. From a light house the angle of depression of two ships on opposite sides of the light house are observed to be  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ . If the height of the light house be 100 metres, then the distance between the ships of the line joining them passes through the foot of the light house is  $100(\sqrt{3} - 1)$ .



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3. From the top of a spire the angle of depression of the top and bottom of a tower of height  $h$  are  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  respectively. Then the height of the spire and its horizontal distance from the tower are respectively  $\frac{h \cos \theta \sin \phi}{\sin(\theta + \phi)}$  and  $\frac{h \cos \theta \cos \phi}{\sin(\theta + \phi)}$



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4. The angular depressions of the top and the foot of a chimney as seen from the top of a second chimney which is 150 meters high and standing on the same level as the first are  $\theta$  and  $\phi$

respectively. Find the distance between their tops,

$$\text{when } \tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}, \tan \phi = \frac{5}{2}.$$



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5. The height of a house subtends a right angle at the opposite street light. The angle of elevation of light from the base of the house is  $60^\circ$ . If the width of the road be 6 meters, then the height of the house is



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6. A vertical tower stands on a horizontal plane and is surmounted by a vertical flag staff of height  $h$ . at a point P on the plane, the angle of elevation of the bottom of the flag staff is  $\beta$  and that of the top is  $\alpha$ , then the height of the tower is

$$\frac{h \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha \tan \beta}.$$



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7. What should be the height of a flag where a 20 feet long ladder reaches 20 feet below the flag

(The angle of elevation of the top of the flag at the foot of the ladder is  $60^\circ$  ?



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8. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower which is incomplete at a point 120 ft. from its base is  $45^\circ$ . If the elevation at the same point of the top is desired to be  $60^\circ$  then the tower should be raised by  $120(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  ft.



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9. A ladder leaning against a vertical wall is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal. The top of the ladder touches the parapet. On moving its foot 'a' feet away from the wall, the ladder now stands inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizon and its top now touching a window. then the distance of the parapet from the window is  $a \cot \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$ .



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10. A vertical tower 50ft high stands on a sloping ground. The foot of the tower is at the same level



as the middle point of a vertical flag pole. From the top of the tower the angle of depression of the top and the bottom of the pole are  $15^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. Find the length of the pole.



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**11.** Two pillars of height  $a$  and  $b$  subtend the same angle  $\alpha$  at a point on the line joining their feet. If the pillars subtend angles  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  at another point in the horizontal plane at which the line joining their feet subtends a right angle then

$$(a + b)\cot^2 \alpha = a^2 \cot^2 \beta + b^2 \cot^2 \gamma$$



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## Problem Set 1 Fill In The Blanks

1. The angle of elevation of a cloud from a point  $h$  mt. above is  $\theta^\circ$  and the angle of depression of its reflection in the lake is  $\phi$ . Then, the height is



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2. The width of a road is  $b$  feet. On one side of which there is a window  $h$  feet high. A building in

front of it subtends an angle  $\theta$  at it, then the height of the building is\_\_\_\_



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3. The angle of elevation of the top of a pillar at any point A on the ground is  $15^\circ$ . On walking 100 ft. towards the pillar, the angle becomes  $30^\circ$ . Height of the pillar and its distance from A are \_\_\_\_and\_\_\_\_respectively.



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4. The angle of elevation of a tower from a point on the same level as the foot of the tower is  $30^\circ$ . On advancing 150 metres towards the foot of the tower, the angle of elevation of the tower becomes  $60^\circ$ . Show that the height of the tower is 129.9 metres (Use  $\sqrt{3} = 1.732$ ).



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5. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower at a point A on the ground is  $30^\circ$ . On walking 20 meters toward the tower, the angle of elevation is

$60^\circ$ . Find the height of the tower and its distance from A.



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6. The height of a chimney when it is found that on walking towards it 100 ft. in a horizontal line through its base the angular elevation of its top changes from  $30^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$  is \_\_\_\_\_



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7. The shadow of a tower standing on a level ground is found to be 60 metres longer when the sun's altitude is  $30^\circ$  than when it is  $45^\circ$ . The height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_



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8. A man in a boat rowed away from a cliff 150 m high takes 2 min, to change the angle from  $60^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ . The speed of the boat is



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9. An aeroplane flying horizontally, 1 km above the ground, is observed at an elevation of  $60^\circ$ , after 10 seconds, its elevation is observed to be  $30^\circ$ . Find the speed of the aeroplane in km/hr.



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10. The angle of elevation of the top and bottom of a flag staff fixed at the top of a tower at a point distant 'a' ft. from the foot of the tower are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The height of the tower is \_\_\_\_



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11. From the top of a cliff 200 ft. high, the angles of depression of the top and bottom of a tower are observed to be  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_



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12. A balloon moving in a straight line passes vertically above two points A and B on a horizontal plane 1000 ft. apart, when above A it has an altitude of  $60^\circ$  as seen from B when above B it has an altitude of  $45^\circ$  as seen from A. the



distance of A from the point at which it will touch the plane is \_\_\_\_\_



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**13.** A balloon moving in a straight line passes vertically above two points A and B on a horizontal plane 1000 ft. apart. When above A it has an altitude of  $60^\circ$  as seen from B and when above B  $30^\circ$  as seen from A. the distance from A of the point at which it will touch the plane is \_\_\_\_\_



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**14.** A vertical pole (more than 100 ft. high) consists of two portions the lower being  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the whole. If the upper portion subtends an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  at a point in a horizontal plane through the foot of the pole and distance 40 ft. from it, then the height of the pole is \_\_\_\_\_



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**15.** The angles of elevation of the top of a tower standing on a horizontal plane from two points on a line passing through the foot of the tower at

distances  $a$  and  $b$  respectively are complementary angles. If the line joining the two points subtend an angle  $\theta$  at the top of the tower then  $h =$  \_\_\_ and  $\sin \theta =$  \_\_\_\_.



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**16.** A tower of  $x$  metres height has flag staff at its top. The tower and the flag staff subtend equal angles at a point distant  $y$  metres from the foot of the tower. Then, the length of the flag staff in metres is



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**17.** A wireless pole 25 metres high is fixed on a top of a verandah of a house which is 15 metres high. At a point R on the ground, directly opposite, the wireless pole and verandah subtend equal angles. The distance of R from the verandah is\_\_\_\_\_



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**18.** A round balloon of radius 'r' subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at the eye of the observer, while the angle of

elevation of its centre is  $\beta$ . Find the height of the centre of balloon.



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**19.** A stationary balloon is observed from three points A, B and C on the plane ground and is found that its angle of elevation from each of these points is  $\alpha$ , if  $\angle ABC = \beta$  and  $AC = b$ , the height of the balloon is \_\_\_\_



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20. From the top of a pole of height  $h$ , the angle of elevation of the top of the tower is  $\alpha$ . The pole subtends an angle  $\beta$  at the top of the tower. The height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_



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21. A tower subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at a point in the plane of its base and the angle of depression of the foot of the tower at a point  $b$  ft. just above  $A$  is  $\beta$ . Then, height of the tower is



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## Problem Set 2 Mcq 5

1. A man observes that when he moves up a distance  $c$  metres on a slope, the angle of depression of a point on the horizontal plane from the base of the slope is  $30^\circ$ , and when he moves up further a distance  $c$  metres, the angle of depression of that point is  $45^\circ$ . The angle of inclination of the slope with the horizontal is.

A.  $60^\circ$

B.  $75^\circ$

C.  $70^\circ$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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## Problem Set 2 True And False

1. Two stations due south of a leaning tower which leans towards the north are respectively at distance  $x$  and  $y$  from its foot ( $y > x$ ). If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the elevations of the top of the tower from



these stations and  $\theta$  is inclination of the tower to the horizontal then  $\cot \theta$  equals



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2. A tree standing on a horizontal plane is leaning towards East. At two points situated at distances  $a$  and  $b$  exactly due West of it, the angle of elevation of the top are respectively  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Height of the top from the ground is

$$\frac{(b - a)\tan \alpha \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}$$



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3. A chimney leans towards North. At equal distances due north and south of it in a horizontal plane the elevation of the top are  $\alpha, \beta$ .

The inclination of the chimney to the vertical is

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta)}{2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}$$

or  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} (\cot \beta - \cot \alpha)$



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4. A flag leaning towards East is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the level ground. A man walks a distance  $l$  from the foot of the flag towards West

and observes the angle of elevation of the top of the flag to be  $\alpha$ . On walking further distance  $l_1$  in the same direction, the angle of elevation is decreased by  $\beta$ , then

$$\tan \theta = \frac{l_1}{(l + l_2) \cot \alpha - l \cot(\alpha - \beta)}$$



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## Problem Set 2 Fill In The Blanks

1. A train is moving at a constant rate at an angle  $\theta$  East of North. Observations of the train are made from a fixed point. It is due north at some

instant. Ten minutes earlier its bearing was  $\alpha_1$  West of North whereas ten minutes afterwards its bearing  $\alpha_2$  East of North, then  $\tan \theta = \text{---}$ .



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### Problem Set 3 Mcq S

1. ABC is a triangular park with  $AB+AC=100$  m. a clock tower is situated at the mid-point of BC. The angles of elevation of the top of the tower at A and B are  $\cot^{-1} 3 \cdot 2$  and  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} 2 \cdot 6$  respectively. The height of the tower is

A. 16 m

B. 25 m

C. 50 m

D. None

**Answer: B**



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2. A vertical tower stands on a declivity which is inclined at  $15^\circ$  to the horizon. From the foot of the tower a man ascends the declivity for 80 feet

and then finds that the tower subtends an angle of  $30^\circ$ . The height of the tower is

A.  $20(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})$

B.  $40(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})$

C.  $40(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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3. A tower PQ of height  $h$  subtends an angle of  $45^\circ$  at a point A on the horizontal plane. At another point B on AB inclined to horizontal at angle of  $30^\circ$ , the elevation of top of the tower is found to be  $60^\circ$ . If  $AB=a$ , then

A.  $a = h(\sqrt{3} + 1)$

B.  $a = h(\sqrt{3} - 1)$

C.  $h = a(\sqrt{3} + 1)$

D.  $h = a(\sqrt{3} - 1)$

**Answer: B**



4. From a point on a horizontal plane, the elevation of the top of a hill is  $45^\circ$ . The elevation becomes  $75^\circ$  after walking a distance of 500 m up a slope of inclined at an angle of  $15^\circ$  to the horizon. The height of the hill is

A.  $500\sqrt{6}$

B.  $500\sqrt{3}$

C.  $250\sqrt{6}$

D.  $250\sqrt{3}$



**Answer: C**



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5. At each end of a horizontal base AB of length  $2a$  the angular height of a certain peak is  $15^\circ$  and that at the mid-point C of base AB it is  $45^\circ$ . The height of the peak is

A.  $\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{6} a$

B.  $\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{6} 3^{3/4} a$

C.  $\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{2} a$

D.  $\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{3}} a$

**Answer: B**



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6. The angle of elevation of a certain peak when observed from each end of a horizontal base line of length  $2a$  is found to be  $\theta$ . When observed from the mid-point of the base the angle of elevation is  $\phi$ . The height of the peak is

A.  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{(\cos \theta - \cos \Psi)}}$

B. 
$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{(\cot^2 \theta - \cot^2 \Psi)}}$$

C. 
$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{(\cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \Psi)}}$$

D. None

**Answer: B**



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## Problem Set 3 True And False

1. A person stands at a point A due south of a tower and observes his elevation is  $60^\circ$ . He then

walks westwards towards B where the elevation is  $45^\circ$ . At a point C on AB produced he finds it to be  $30^\circ$ , then  $AB=2BC$ .



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2. An object is observed from three points A,B,C in the same horizontal plane passing through the base of the object. The angle of elevation at B is twice and at C is thrice that at A. if  $AB=a$ ,  $BC=b$ , then the height of the object is

$$\frac{a}{2b} \sqrt{(a+b)(3b-a)}.$$



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3. A man observes a tower AB of height  $h$  from a point  $P$  on the ground. He moves a distance  $d$  towards the foot of the tower and finds that the angle of elevation is doubled. He further moves a distance " $\frac{3d}{4}$ " in the same direction and finds that the angle of elevation is three times that of at the point  $P$ . then (A)  $30h^2 = 35d^2$  (B)  $35h^2 = 36d^2$  (C)  $36h^2 = 35d^2$  (D)  $36h^2 = 35d^2$



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4. A balloon is observed simultaneously from three points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  on a straight road directly under it. The angular elevation at  $B$  is twice and at  $C$  is thrice that at  $A$ . If the distance between  $A$  and  $B$  is 200 metres and the distance between  $B$  and  $C$  is 100 metres, then find the height of balloon above the road.



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5.  $DE$  is a tower standing on a horizontal plane and  $ABCD$  is a straight line in the plane. The

height of the tower subtends an angle  $\theta$  at A,  $2\theta$  at B and  $3\theta$  at C. if AB and BC be respectively 50 metres and 20 metres then the height of the tower and the distance CD are  $\frac{25}{2}\sqrt{7}$ m and 17.5 m.



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6. The top of a tower is observed from three point A,B,C on a straight line leading to the tower. If the angles of elevation are  $\theta$ ,  $2\theta$ ,  $3\theta$  from them, then

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{\cot \theta - \cot 2\theta}{\cot 2\theta - \cot 3\theta}$$



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7. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower at a point A due south of the tower is  $\alpha$  and at  $\beta$  due east of the tower is  $\beta$ . If  $AB=d$ , then height of the tower is



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8. Three points A,B,C are in a line inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizon of three points. A is the lowest and C is highest. D is a point vertically above C. if



$AB = p$ ,  $CD = q$ ,  $\angle DAB = \alpha$  and  $\angle DBC = \beta$

, then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{p \sin \alpha \cos \beta}{q \sin(\beta - \alpha)}$$



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9. Top of a mountain is observed from A and B at the sea level. If N is the point vertically below P and

$$\angle NAB = \alpha, \angle NBA = \beta, \angle NAP = \theta, \angle NBP = \phi$$

, then  $\tan \phi \sin \beta = \tan \theta \sin \alpha$ .



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**10.** A man observes two objects in a straight line in the West. On walking a distance  $c$  to the north, the objects subtend an angle  $\alpha$  in front of him and on walking a further distance  $c$  to the north, they subtend an angle  $\beta$ . Then the distance between the objects is

$$\frac{3c}{2 \cot \beta - \cot \alpha}.$$



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**11.** A man notices two objects in a straight line due West after walking a distance  $c$  due North he

observes that the objects subtend an angle  $\alpha$  at his eye and after walking a further distance  $2c$  due north, they subtend an angle  $\beta$ . Then the distance between the objects is

$$\frac{8c}{3 \cot \beta - \cot \alpha}.$$



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### Problem Set 3 Fill In The Blanks

1. A man observes that when he has walked  $c$  metres up an incline, the angular depression of an object in a horizontal plane through the foot of

the slope in  $\alpha$ , and when he has walked a further distance of  $c$  metres the depression is  $\beta$ . The inclination of the slope to the horizon is \_\_\_\_\_.



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2. A tower is observed from two stations A and B where B is East of A at a distance 100 metres. The tower is due North of A and due North-West of B. the angles of elevation of the tower from A and B are complementary, the height of the tower is\_\_\_\_\_.



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3. The elevation of a tower due North of a station A is  $\alpha$  and at another station B due West of A it is  $\beta$ . The height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_.



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4. The angle of elevation of a tower at a place due south of it is  $\theta$  and at a place due west of A and at a distance 'a' from it, the elevation  $\phi$ . The height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_.



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5. PQ is a tower standing on horizontal plane, Q being its foot. Two points A and B are taken on the plane such that  $AB=21$  and  $\angle QAB$  is a right angle. It is found that  $\cot \angle PAQ=2/5$  and  $\cot \angle PBQ=3/5$ , then the height of tower is \_\_\_\_.



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6. A flag staff PN stands upright on a level ground. A base AB is measured at right angle to AN such that points A,B,N lie in the same horizontal plane.

If  $\angle PAN = \alpha$  and  $\angle PBN = \beta$ , then height of flag staff is \_\_\_\_\_.



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7. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower from a point A on the ground is  $\theta$  and that from B is  $\phi$ . If  $AB=100$  metres and AB is perpendicular to the line joining A with the foot of the tower, then the height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_ (given  $\cot \theta = 3/10, \cot \phi = 1/2$ )



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8. The angle of elevation of a tower at point A due north of it is  $30^\circ$  and at another point due East of A is  $18^\circ$ . If  $AB=a$ , then the height of the tower is \_\_\_\_\_.



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9. A vertical pole stands at a point O on a horizontal ground. A and B are points on the ground d metres apart. The pole subtends angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  at A and B respectively. AB subtends an angle at O. the height of the pole is \_\_\_\_\_.



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